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7	CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA—SANTA ANA DIV.		
8	In re	Bankruptcy Case No. 8:23-bk-10571-SC	
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10	THE LITIGATION	Chapter 11	
11	PRACTICE GROUP, P.C.,	OBJECTION OF GREYSON LAW CENTER PC,	
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13	Debtor.	JAYDE TRINH & HAN TRINH, TO SPECIFIC	
14		PORTIONS OF DISCLOSURE STATEMENT	
15		AND PROPOSED CHAPTER 11 PLAN, FILED	
16		BY CHAPTER 11 TRUSTEE MARSHACK	
17		AND CREDITORS' COMMITTEE	
18		Hearing on Disclosure Statement is set for:	
19		Date: May 15, 2024 Time: 1:30 p.m.	
20		Place: Courtroom of Bankruptcy Judge Scott	
21		Clarkson, by Zoom or in person at: 411 West Fourth Street, Courtroom 5C	
22		Santa Ana, CA 92701-4593	
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TO CHAPTER 11 TRUSTEE RICHARD MARSHACK, TO CREDITORS' COMMITTEE, TO THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRUSTEE, TO DEBTOR LITIGATION PRACTICE GROUP, PC ("LPG"), TO ALL OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST, AND TO COUNSEL OF RECORD FOR ALL OF THESE PARTIES:

Greyson Law Center PC, Jayde Trinh & Han Trinh—which are all administrative claimants (plus Han and Jayde have prepetition claims as well)—object, <u>as discussed below</u>, to specific portions of the Disclosure Statement [dkt.1058 filed 3/22/24] set for hearing on May 14, 2024, on the Chapter 11 Plan proposed jointly by Chapter 11 Trustee Marshack and the Committee of Unsecured Creditors, and object to the same provisions in said Chapter 11 plan [dkt.1057, filed 3/22/24], because the objected to provisions make the Plan <u>nonconfirmable on its face</u>, and it is a waste of resources of the Court and all parties to proceed with solicitation and voting and plan confirmation hearing of a Chapter Plan that is nonconfirmable on its face, because the Chapter Plan violates specific sections of the Bankruptcy Code.

1. The Disclosure Statement should not be approved, and the Court should proceed no further with the proposed Chapter 11 Plan, unless the <u>exculpation language</u> is OMITTED from the Disclosure Statement and proposed Chapter 11 Plan

The proposed Chapter 11 plan, at p.50 has an exculpation clause, D., as follows:

"D. Exculpation; Limitation of Liability
To the maximum extent permitted by law, <u>neither</u> the <u>Trustee</u>, the Liquidating

Trustee, the Estate, the Committee, the Post-Confirmation Oversight Committee,

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nor any of their employees, officers, directors, shareholders, agents, members, representatives, or the professionals employed or retained by any of them, whether or not by Court order shall have or incur liability to any person or entity for an act taken or omission made in good faith in connection with or related to the formulation and implementation of the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, or a contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created in connection therewith, the solicitation of acceptances for or confirmation of the Plan, or the consummation and implementation of the Plan and the transactions contemplated therein. Each of the exculpated persons set forth in this Section of the Plan shall in all respects be entitled to reasonably rely on the advice of counsel with respect to its duties and responsibilities under the Plan. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing contained in this Plan shall effectuate an exculpation, release, or injunction in favor of the Debtor's employees, officers, directors, shareholders, agents, members, representatives, Affiliates, alter egos, or the professionals employed or retained by any of them, and all rights and Causes of Action held by the Estate against any of the foregoing are expressly preserved by this Plan."

This Court should not allow this proposed Plan to move forward, unless this "Exculpation" provision is removed. This exculpation clause is an invitation to the "exculpated" persons to misbehave, because this exculpation clause, if left in the Plan, prevents them, **and their attorneys**, from being liable for misbehavior.

Trustee Marshack, and his attorneys being included in the list of people "exculpated" is particularly wrong, because Trustees have statutory duties pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code, and people, such as Trustee Marshack, apply to become Trustees. Trustees, and their attorneys, should be subject to all liability provided by law, instead of this Exculpation clause narrowing/limiting/reducing their liability to the "maximum extent permitted by law".

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The limited Objection [dkt1160 filed 5/1/24] of the Office of the US Trustee, to this Exculpation clause, says:

"the Exculpation Clause Should Be Revised to Provide a Carve-Out for Fraud, Willful Misconduct or Gross Negligence".

In other words, the Exculpation Clause <u>as presently written</u>, would allow Trustee Marshack, the Liquidating Trustee, and their attorneys, and employees and agents to <u>commit fraud, willful misconduct and/or gross negligence</u>, and NOT be liable for any of those things.

Giving people a free pass on committing misconduct only encourages them to commit misconduct. There is already a serious question in the LPG bankruptcy case (see briefing at VI., of Greyson's REPLY, with Declaration of Kathleen P. March, Esq. thereto [dkt.501 in 8:23-ap-01046-SC, filed 4/24/24]), as to why Trustee Marshack's special counsel, Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP, did **not** tell this Court that Russ Squires (a person who was not a lawyer, but who, by using a moribund law firm, Morning Law, became the winning bidder to buy debtor LPG's clients files from the LPG bankruptcy estate) had been accused of having recently misappropriated 5.5 million dollars from Validation Partners, and had not been cleared from that accusation.

Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP had been given that information, by Wes Thomas, in a meeting Thomas had with Dinsmore attorneys. Thomas had supplied Dinsmore firm with a lengthy written document about those allegations.

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Unresolved allegations that Russ Squires had misappropriated 5.5 million dollars from Validation Partners—if Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP had given that information to this Court—should certainly have weighed against this Court proclaiming Russ Squires (through Morning Law) as the winning bidder for the LPG bankruptcy estate's client files.

However, it appears that Dinsmore & Shohl LLP did NOT give that highly relevant information to this Court. There should be an investigation into why Dinsmore & Shohl LLP did NOT give this highly relevant information to this Court.

The need for investigation is pressing, because Morning Law has reportedly lost most of its consumer clients that it purchased from the LPG bankruptcy estate, and will likely fail, with the result that Morning Law will NOT pay the money (estimated to be 40 million dollars) that Morning Law contracted to pay the LPG bankruptcy estate, as the winning bidder for LPG's client files.

If Morning Law does not pay the LPG bankruptcy estate what it contracted to pay, there will not be money to pay LPG administrative claimants, and will be zero to pay general unsecured creditors. Even Trustee's attorneys and Creditor Committee attorneys may not be paid in full.

The Court, the Office of US Trustee, and the Creditors' Committee, should investigate WHY Dinsmore & Shohl LLP failed to give this Court this highly relevant, unfavorable, information about Russ Squires, who is said to now be running Morning Law. Were one or more attorney at Dinsmore & Shohl LLP offered present

or future consideration to withhold this highly relevant, unfavorable information about Russ Squires, from this Court? That possibility should be considered and investigated.

One thing is certain, the LPG bankruptcy case, and LPG's plan, should NOT have the proposed Exculpation clause, or any exculpation clause. This Court should order stricken, before allowing the proposed Plan to proceed any further.

The Disclosure Statement (Section III(C)(4)) quotes the Exculpation clause in the proposed Plan (quoted supra), but is deficient for failing to explain to the reader that the Plan's Exculpation Clause is so broad that it would excuse the named persons—including Chapter 11 Trustee Marshack and his attorneys, and including whoever is appointed as the Liquidating Trustee, and that person's attorneys, from being liable if any of them **commit fraud, willful misconduct and/or gross**negligence.

2. A Bond should be required, the provision in the plan that "the Liquidating Trustee shall be exempt from giving any bond or other security in any jurisdiction", should be ordered Deleted, by this Court, before the Plan moves forward

All bankruptcy trustees, including Trustee Marshack, have been required to post a bond, to be the Chapter 11 Trustee in the LPG bankruptcy case. Trustee posted a bond of over 20 million dollars.

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Similarly, the Liquidating Trustee that the plan proposes, to take possession of all the assets of debtor LPG, and to distribute those assets pursuant to the terms of the proposed Plan, should be required to post a bond.

Bonds are prudent because every now and then, people do take the money and flee.

The Disclosure Statement, at p.59, simply quotes the "no bond" required language. That is deficient for not explaining to the reader that the purpose of a bond is to pay creditors/claimants, up to the amount of the bond, if the Liquidating Trustee or their attorneys or staff, takes the (estimated to be 12 million dollars of) LPG bankruptcy estate money and absconds with it. People do steal money entrusted to them. The proceeding against attorney Thomas Girardi, accused of stealing approximately 200 million dollars from his law firm's client trust account, is a recent reminder of this.

3. The Plan must require that the Liquidating Trust, and the Trustee of the Liquidating Trust, Reserve (aka set aside and not be distributed to anyone else) the Full Amount of Administrative Claims, If Administrative Claims are Objected to by Trustee Marshack before the Plan is confirmed, or are Objected to by the Liquidating Trustee, after the Plan is confirmed

The proposed Plan, at p.40, Item I.1, states the Liquidating Trustee can object to any and all claims, and states a p.40 Item I.2 that if any part of a claim is disputed

to someone else, while the claim was being disputed, so there is nothing left to pay the 1 2 disputed claim, once it is allowed. 3 And unless the Exculpation clause is omitted (discussed in 1 supra) and unless a 4 bond is required (discussed in 2 supra), the Liquidating Trustee, his agents and his 5 6 attorneys, would **not** be liable for paying out the money owed to a claimant whose 7 claim is disputed, while that disputed claim is being litigated, leaving no money in the 8 Liquidating Trust to pay the claim, once it is allowed, and there would be no bond that 9 10 the claimant could make a claim against, to be paid. 11 The Disclosure Statement is deficient for failure to discuss all the above 12 problems. 13 14 4. **Conclusion:** The Court should direct the above changes be made to the 15 proposed Plan and Liquidating Trust, and that the amended Plan be filed, and that an 16 amended Disclosure Statement, describing the proposed amended Plan, be filed and 17 18 served, and that a hearing be held on the amended Disclosure Statement. 19 Dated: May 2, 2024 THE BANKRUPTCY LAW FIRM, PC 20 21 /s/ Kathleen P. March By: Kathleen P. March, Esq. 22 Attorneys for Greyson Law Center, PC 23 Han Trinh & Jayde Trinh on this Objection 24 25 26 27 28

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